

In the matter of whether or not to regulate VOIP, I have only one LOUD, CLEAR, STATEMENT - Do NOT regulate Voice over IP or any OTHER IP service in any manner shape or form!!!!!!

Internet communications, including, but not limited to, voice and sound over IP, whether wired or wireless, licensed or unlicensed, was NOT invented by the big communications companies (least of all by the telcos, whose ox it is goring because they were too short sighted, greedy, and totally unable to deliver as the 1996 Telecom Act decreed to extend ubiquitous broadband to ALL Americans, even when obscenely subsidized and permitted a monopoly with a guaranteed rate of return) OR the US government, OR created as a consequence of rulings by the FCC. Now everyone and his brother want it regulated for THEIR private agendas and bottom lines, and NOT for the open, free, global, real people public interest.

Do NOT regulate IP or VOIP.

I did not spend the last 30 years finding ways AT MY OWN EXPENSE largely to extend affordable, advanced, bi-directional, COMMUNICATIONS between PEOPLE - especially in rural areas of the United States where 25% of the population lives on 97% of the land with FEW alternative ways to communicate in modern ways (while 75% live on only 3% of the land and have MANY alternatives, no thanks to the Telcos) AND extending by the innovative technologies born in the US, to rural areas of the 3d World, which is in the US interest, to have the US FCC start dictating what I and those people whom I have enabled, from the poorest Hispanic communities of the San Luis Valley of Colorado, to the deprived Sherpa children on the slopes of Mount Everest in Nepal, can and cannot do with digital, IP, and unlicensed Wireless communications.

Right at this moment I have, out of my own personal pocket, and a trek of 12 miles up 3,000 feet of my 75 year old body where NO telephone company will go, enabled Sherpa children at 14,000 feet in remote Nepal to get a good education, including the learning of Oral English, by distance learning techniques FROM THE US, in THEIR language, I pioneered (according to scholars in 1982), using now FREE, Voice over IP, and satellite IP, terminating the last 5 miles in Nepal via 5 unlicensed FREE wireless radio links to their humble classroom and lives.

Regulate VOIP for all the self-centered, dense urban-centric, myopic, reasons I have read in the preceeding 238 comments on this Docket item, and you will destroy the very promising models of future communications, domestic and foreign, digital communication, IP, Voip, and unlicensed wireless, I have pioneered in EVERYONES interest by AVOIDING the now utterly obsolete, costly, regulated world of communications.

And if you DO regulate it, I will spend the next 30 years doing everything in my power to bypass and circumnavigate the regulated IP environment by using technologies you haven't dreamed of. And connect up as many of the 6 billion brains on this planet with each other as possible, at the lowest possible cost (free in many instances) wherever they are (where no corporation will go), and for THEIR interests, not that of government, corporations trying to force them to enrich themselves through the unholy alliance of government regulation and business.

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